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| Filing Date | May 14, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Wieland, et al. |
| Art Unit | 1754 |
| Examiner Name | Wayne A. Langel |
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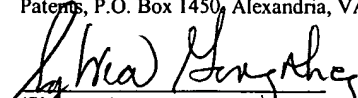
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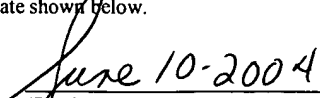
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